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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA PRIORITY

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TAGS: RP, PFOR

SUBJECT: AQUINO

1. REPRESENTATIVE FRASER SENT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT MARCOS ON APR 23: "I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH OF SENATOR BENIGNO AQUINO. CONTINUATION OF HIS FAST POSES A SERIOUS THREAT TO HIS LIFE. I RESPECTFULLY APPEAL TO YOUR HUMANITARIAN CONCERN TO FIND AN APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER."

2. FRASER HAS WRITTEN TO SECRETARY KISSINGER, ENCLOSING COPY OF TELEGRAM, AND ADDING: "RELATIVES OF SENATOR AQUINO HAVE BEEN CALLING OUR OFFICE INDICATING THAT HE MAY BE WILLING TO SEEK ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES. I WONDER IF OUR EMBASSY IN MANILA COULD EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY WITH SENATOR AQUINO'S RELATIVES OR HIS LAWYER, SENATOR TANADA, AS WELL AS WITH PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THIS REQUEST IS ALSO BEING SENT DIRECTLY TO AMBASSADOR WILLIAM SULLIVAN."

3. WE ARE CONSIDERING RESPONSE TO FRASER LETTER WHICH WOULD STATE THAT AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN HAS BEEN ACTIVELY FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS OF AQUINO FAST, AND THAT EMBASSY IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AWARE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF PROBLEM, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR

WHAT MORE CAN USEFULLY BE DONE IN THE PRESENT DIFFICULT
SITUATION. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON
FOREGOING. KISSINGER

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